To Human Rights Organisations

Islamic Council

15 April, 1987

Dear Sir,

I am sure your organisation is aware of the serious violations of human rights and persecution of the leaders and workers belonging to the Islamic Tendancy Movement that are taking place in Tunisia.

In recent months the Tunisian government has stepped up its reign of terror against them and arrested a number of people on false charges. The Council has in its possession a list of 47 persons the government has already arrested but the number will increase as more and more people are arrested.

It is feared that the Tunisian government will soon hold show trials and award draconian punishments, including capital punishment, to the political dissidents it has arrested and intends to arrest.

I hope your organisation is seized of the gravity of the situation and will join us in persuading the Tunisian government to desist from violating the human rights of its citizens. May I point out that time is of the essence and warrants earliest action as some of the accused are threatened with execution.

Yours sincerely,

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